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Very graciously, for our making, God linked all delights with duties. One would like to hark back, before an audience of thinking folk, to a consideration of the Divine justice of Calvinism and the Divine love of Arminianism; and see in this braided axis on which the universe revolves the explanation and obligatory representation of Responsibility. It is the moral crux of creation. The pith of the Cross. The sin of Sinai and Olivet, commandment and beatitude, the message seeking expression in the laws of Mamurab, and Moses and all the prophets—on the lips of Jesus and all who have dared to speak in His name, and in the writings of Plato and his followers—an age-long and world-wide recognition of the fact of human responsibility.

"By what He requires of me I know what God Himself must be." To shirk responsibility is to ignore what is basic in God and man and all the world's hope.

#### National Privileges.

The application of the principle seems clear. Coming as we do from all parts of the land, we quite naturally begin with the responsibility of our NATIONAL PRIVILEGES. These are many. We must own up. We have no use for those who enjoy national privileges and despise the land that has given them. We decline to listen to men and women who talk up every country but their own. Those of us who speak the speech that Shakespeare spoke have a great heritage in inspiring tradition, a rich heritage of privilege.

"We are the sons of kings

Who bled and crowned and mitered  
tyranny.  
They dethroned the field and scaffold  
for their birthright."

But this inheritance of freedom and education and all their garnishes does mean national responsibility of a real sort. Our privileged position in the centre of the habitable globe makes Britain the high road of the world, bringing and demanding much in every way. Cecil Rhodes said that we were more real freedom under the British flag than under any other. We of lesser breed can only acknowledge our obligation to see that all rationing is to the good of our boasted freedom on British soil at Westminster and wherever the Union Jack floats. But that is not all. We have a new era of self-determination for nations and individuals must be dependent on the higher loyalties of those who demand it. We all have to learn that general interests take precedence. Herbert Spencer rightly demanded that the relaxation of outward control must depend on the tightening of inward control. Aristotle insisted that there were three forms of government: government by one man, by a few men, and by many men. We have come to the time to say that there is a fourth, a self-government, without which there is no real hope. Imperial governments must not be tyrannical or slow of movement, but all who seek freedom must acknowledge and respect the laws of civilized peoples.

#### Employer and Employee.

So, too, of things industrial. We have come up from a long past of cruel slavery and serfdom. We have come into a heritage of freedom between employer and employee. Both these in self-defence have been allowed to gather into their own camps in battle array, each with privileges and with corresponding responsibilities. The supreme need of both is to face and follow out all the implications of that responsibility. Mud-throwing will not clean the industrial slate. Both must operate to clear out the sweeter and the sharper, for both the sweeter and the sharper are on Christian and on Christian. Lord Robert Cecil endorses Harry Gosling's vision: "I see a tremendous and irresistible tide advancing. That tide is the movement of the workers towards a share in the control of industry. It is a movement from the status of employee to the status of partner."

#### Re-Union—A Further Step.

That leads to a second thing. The Church is in the midst of the nation, and we are to remember to-day that all Church privileges are responsibilities. Our Church privileges are numerous. No land has a higher responsibility than has the Church a fiercer record. On no soil are the historic and essential duties of to-day and to-morrow better known or more highly prized. We may not be enamoured of Romanism, or of half-caste religion, High Churchism. We may have no use for its ritualistic distant cousin in certain Free Churches, and we may with reasoned dignity resent the lordly airs of superiority in them all, but we cannot ignore the privilege of living where these faiths and all faiths are required to give up open hostility. We are responsible for preserving good will and fair play for all faiths, for maintaining peace on all ecclesiastical frontiers, for taking copingstones from our own denominational walls that we may shake hands and as the earliest crack dividing wall out of the way.

The most privileged Churchmen in the world are Methodists. Other denominations are trying hard to become as we are. Glory be to ourselves! The measure of our privilege is the measure of our obligation, pool and share our best. The good of one is the right of all. The selfish conception of privilege was the reproach of Jew and Pharisee. They thought that God concentrated on them. The best Churches are missionary. The one to the other. During the coming year as never before, we are under the most solemn obligations to our Lord, to our children, to this generation, and to the future, frankly and fully to consider whether it is the Lord's will that we should take a further step towards the reunion of Christendom by uniting all British Methodists into one Church, and to further consider whether such a mobilisation would more effectively assist Christ to win the world.

#### Churches—Not Homes of Rest.

And what in the meantime do our privileges demand for the Christianisation of our own land? We cannot think that our brave predecessors founded our churches at such cost as mere "homes of rest" and privilege for those who are to be ruled by them. It is due to them, if it is due to us, if possible, to extend their exploits. Knowledge of the unsearchableness of the riches of Christ has come to us first for our own salvation, and next that we may preach and apply those riches everywhere. Our cherished beliefs are to exercise a rulership over us which shall be evidenced in sweepingly heroic service. The Church may be a fold; it must be a force. It has a Cross, but it must because of that be a

campaign. We are as much responsible for saving the world as was Jesus Christ, and that means not only the undoing of Whitefield and Clowes, but the sagacious statesmanship of Wesley and his successors. It means organising for victory. Putting the old and everlasting truth into the flesh of to-day, and the reality of whatever our predecessors adopted and anything else which will enable us to save sons. Preachers, leaders, leaders, singers, Endeavourers, members, let us away to the harvest fields!

#### Reduce the Leakage.

A maintained enthusiasm in the discharge of this gracious responsibility would substantially and happily reduce the number of seceding, deserting, religiously unemployed and resigning church members. O the number of the idle in the market places of the Church! Some of them come to Conference, and the local church does not miss them. If responsibilities were shouldered as much as privileges are prized there would be less concern for what could be got and more for what could be given. If every church of the Church in town and village could be depended upon to be there, to do his bit and his best, whatever the thought would hum from Land's End to John O'Groats, and the on-looking world would believe and be fascinated by such a Church. The light-house in any in which privileges are welcomed and responsibilities are avoided crucifies our Lord afresh and puts Him to a cruel death.

Nor is this all. The privileges of the Church are our obligation to the wide, wide world. Our prized religious possessions do not mean that missions are optional—they are obligatory. Christianity is not only a missionary religion, it is a missionary passion. All world facts and situations go to show that the outlook is Christ or chaos. There is no other name under heaven by which the beargarden of a world can be transformed into a brotherhood.

#### The Day of Opportunity.

A third application. If the Church is in the midst of the nation the Home is in the midst of the Church. Home life carries responsibilities. Home life is now more difficult than ever. But it is the essential place for the beginning of all our best things. Our children are ours, fresh from God, before they reach the Church or the world. The Home must be the place of opportunity. We are privileged and therefore responsible. It is the atmosphere of the home which counts—the mental attitude toward religion and the Church. The way we live. Dr. Dale, in his own wise way, warned the rest of his congregation against selecting country houses far removed from

the church to which they owed everything. What would he say to our Sunday car rides, and to what is yet more ominous, the habitual neglect of Sunday worship? Every man privileged by religion is responsible for the healthy maintenance—the cottage homes and the stately halls of England are one. The stately halls and the cottage homes of this beloved Church, who is sufficient for these things? The answer is Jesus, Jesus only. He is our enabling force. Christ in you, the hope of everything. He is Himself the burning and shining light, for He is the responsibility of privilege. "The master light of all our seeing." He made His privileges His obligation. He had what others needed and he gave it—His blood and His Life. We call it Incarnation. For the sake of this torn world of ours, for the sake of the blood and the blood of the Church of our infant nature, for the sake of our homes, for His sake who loves us and gives Himself for us, I call you, I challenge you, I charge you before God and the Judgment Day, ask the Saviour to help you to faithfully discharge the responsibility of every privilege.

"And then all the good the past hath garnered,  
All the present yet hath won,  
Shall fade before our glorious future  
Like the stars before the sun."

#### Centenary Services.

Centenary services were held in Upper Wearside on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. At Westgate, on Saturday afternoon, Rev. T. Elliott, of Northallerton, who entered the ministry from the date, preached from John's message to the Church at Ephesus to a splendid congregation, and in the evening addressed a public meeting along with Revs. J. Roxby and J. M. Craddock. Mr. J. Walton, of West Auckland, presided in the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. W. Rutherford, New Shildon. A fine opening service was held in the morning, and splendid addresses were given by Messrs. N. Whitefield and H. Peart. Mr. Elliott occupied the pulpit on Sunday, and preached with great power to large congregations. On Tuesday, at Westhead, we were favoured with a visit from the President, Rev. S. Horton, who preached in the afternoon on "God's Method of Giving," and at night preached to a crowded audience on "Snapshots from the Pulpit." Mr. J. Gardiner, of Sunderland, late of Wearside, presided. Singing was by the united choirs. All the services were gratifying and uplifting. Financial results, considering the prolonged industrial depression, were highly satisfactory.

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Bells Peal for the Children. The Boys Band will play. Antislavery Gathering 8.30 p.m. Evening Thanksgiving Service in the Children's Church 6.15.  
A special service of praise has been arranged from 10 to 11.30 p.m. at Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street.  
Admission 1/-, Tea 1/6. Tickets can be obtained from Head Office as above, or at the Gates on Saturday the 10th Inst.



## The Hartley Lecture.\*

Rev. H. J. Pickett on the Modern Preacher.

"This book has been written under the pressure of a deep and ever-increasing conviction that our supreme need in this twentieth century is a truly prophetic ministry, and that the man who stands in the pulpit, whether minister or layman, distinctively and not vaguely in the Bible, should always realise that his only right to be there rests upon an obligation he cannot evade, to be a speaker for God." These words, taken from the preface of the twenty-second Hartley Lecture, indicate the intention of the lecturer, and it is an intention admirably carried out. From first to last the subject is the man who is the speaker for God, how and why he has come to be what he is, and what his supreme need is in these days which need him more than ever.

In the course of an arresting and fascinating story we see the beginnings of the type of man to whom "prophecy is the statement of eternal truth suited to the immediate occasion." The prophets of Israel were not the first to conceive of Deity, but they "survived, and, by immeasurable distances, surpassed, the dreamers and visionaries of contemporary religions: (1) In their personal character and moral passion; (2) in the content of their message; and, greatest of all (3), in their unvarying insistence upon the character and the purity of Israel's God."

The study of that survival and surpassing is one of the finest subjects upon which the mind of the Modern preacher and teacher can brood, for it tells of triumphs over environment, of victories over vice and superstitions, of stubborn persistence under disappointment and defeat, until there was lifted on high a lamp never to be extinguished, and a path of progress had been marked out which the later centuries were to make into a highway for the race of the world. In Part I, the Hebrew prophet's training and call, his position in early and later Israel, his contribution to revelation and reform, and the Messianic hope and ideal which he cherished are lucidly and luminously set forth. It is as a majestic story of the miracle of Divine inspiration, and it thrills the soul by its glory.

In Part II, the modern preacher, it is the supremacy of Jesus as a preacher making known the eternal mind and purpose that is first insisted upon, and that "preaching is one of the few things for which He made provision as He faced the future." The following chapters dealing with: "The Christian Prophets," "The Place of the Preacher in Modern Life," "The Preacher's Equipment," "The Preacher and the Church," and "The Preacher's Joy and Crown." With these themes the lecturer is at his best, declaring that it was "the distinctive glory of the Hebrew prophet that he stood for God and man as the voice of the Holy and eternal spirit, and in such vital correspondence with the eternal mind, as to mediate between the timeless and the passing," so this must be the place and work of the modern preacher. He must be abreast of his age, keep close to men, "shout the cheap and the dear word," "be far, and, above all, become 'the friend of God.'" Such a man, so commissioned and equipped, will not fail to know the preacher's joy and crown. This lecture should be studied by every lover of the Christ seeking to establish His kingdom on the earth.

The Duchess of Somerset will present verses to old boys and girls at the Harvard Founder's Day Fete at the Girls' Model Village, Barkingside, Essex, on Saturday, June 24th, at 3.30 p.m.

\* The Hartley Preacher and the Modern Preacher. The Hartley Lectures for 1922, by Rev. H. J. Pickett.

## The President of Conference.

REV. H. J. TAYLOR.

The President's name is a household word throughout the Primitive Methodist Church. By strength of character, variety of service, fidelity to deep convictions and years of successful toil in varied fields the President has made for himself a great name. He has not only won respect but he has endeared himself to all with whom he has come in contact. He has a kindly nature, generous sympathies, a broad outlook on life and wide experience of men and things. He is a powerful preacher, an effective platform speaker, a keen man of affairs, and a most diligent student. He is a born leader of men, clear visioned and far-sighted. He does not live altogether in the present but in the future. He believes in the

They have been by no means alike, almost as varied as circles could well be. East London, King's Cross, Scarborough, Hull First, Southport Second, Chesterfield First, Liverpool First, St. George's Hall, and now Liverpool First again.

The President brings to the chair of the Conference a wide experience of circuit life. He knows the difficulties that beset the ordinary minister, and his sympathies are all in that direction.

But whilst efficient as a circuit minister the Church has called our President to other spheres. He did splendid service as Chancellor of the Missionary Funds in association with his old friend Dr. Guttery. Whilst thus

dent will render distinguished service during his year of office. He is not unfamiliar with the largest audiences of this country, and has always been a welcome speaker at great Endeavour conventions or missionary gatherings and other large audiences. He knows well how to guide and rule a assembly, and we anticipate a splendid Conference under his leadership. In all that relates to the office he has been greatly helped by his devoted wife. Shadows have fallen on them lately, but we trust the warm sunshine will bring them both joy and blessing.

W. A. H.

## The Bishop of Hereford at Owen-street Church.

Sunday, May 28th, was a memorable date in the annals of our Church in Hereford, for on that evening the Lord Bishop of Hereford occupied the pulpit at St. Owen-street. Dr. Linton Smith combines a fine presence with a noble spiritual; he brought into the service such an atmosphere of brotherliness and good will that it made his appearance at the church seem the most natural thing in the world. The church was crowded with a great congregation. There was a dignified simplicity in the service which made it most impressive. The circuit minister, Rev. Harry Owen, conducted the service in the presence of J. Meredith (Baptist). The musical arrangements made by the choir-master, Mr. G. Durant, were admirable, the hymns were inspiring, and the anthem "Lead, kindly light" (Pugh Evans), was beautifully rendered. The Bishop's sermon, delivered without a note, was listened to with rapt attention. The concluding hymn was "Saviour, again to Thy dear Name we raise," and the Bishop gave the beautiful benediction from the Anglican liturgy. The service will long be remembered as a spiritual uplift. At the close Dr. Linton Smith expressed to Rev. Harry Owen his sincere appreciation of his service and the opportunity afforded him of paying such a visit.

## Gipsy Pat Smith at Cardiff. Remarkable Services.

A truly wonderful series of services have been held in Cardiff, conducted by Captain Gipsy Pat Smith. The largest churches in the city have been crowded night after night, the attendances in the aggregate having reached nearly 100,000, and over one thousand persons have passed through the "inquiry rooms." The services of the first ten days were held in two of the largest churches in the city. On Sunday afternoon meetings for "men only" were held in the "Empire," seating over 3,000, and hundreds were unable to gain admission, whilst for the Sunday evening meetings at 8 o'clock in the same place, and hundreds were unable to gain admission, stretched along the streets, and the last two Sunday evenings two services were held in the "Empire," so that in all to hear the Gipsy could be accommodated. A never-to-be-forgotten scene was witnessed at one of the Sunday services, when over one thousand men came out for salvation, and the large stage of the Empire was turned into an inquiry room. The meeting on the Coal Exchange was in many respects unique, whilst the last night of the mission was the most memorable. Over 3,000 were crowded into Wood-street Church, and hundreds were unable to gain admission, and the meeting continued until long after the usual time, as the Gipsy and his wife were leaving for London by the night mail hundreds of men followed to the station, where hymns were sung.

The great success of the mission cannot be accounted for by any human hypothesis, for whilst there has been a great deal of singing of choruses, yet there has been an absence of emotionalism, which is usually associated with such services. The sermons of the Gipsy are a blend of humour, pathos and direct appeal. One of the most human elements there was the power of the Holy Spirit. The mission was organised by the Free Church Council, and the ministers and Church members

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good time that is coming, as is shown in his Hartley lecture on "The Challenge of Freedom," and devotes his strength and energy to hasten it along. He is broad in his sympathies, cosmopolitan in his ideals, but is devotedly loyal to the Church of his choice and its immediate work.

The President hails from that virile soil of Primitive Methodism euphoniously known as the "Black Country," which has given so many men to the Presidential chair—Thomas Bateman, Phillip Pugh, Joseph Ferguson, William Jones. Not that he would claim to be a Staffordshire man; rather would he remind us that he was born in "good old Ireland," in the Northern Province of Ulster. But in early life he migrated with his family into Staffordshire, and became associated with the famous circuit of Brierley Hill. Early in life he was led to Christ, and very soon his gifts and talents were so recognised by others that he was called into the ministry. He was one of the last batch of men to enter the old Sunderland College, and one of the first to enter the new Hartley College, and from that training ground passed out into active work to render distinguished service to our Church. Mr. Taylor has been an effective circuit minister. His circuits have invariably prospered.

engaged he was called to go out to Africa at an extremely critical time, when Mr. Albert Shaw, to visit the churches of South and Central Africa. The value of that visit can well be judged by the elaborate report presented to the Ministry Committee on his return, and equally so in the story of his tour, as told in "Capetown to Kafue." All that journey meant to him and his family will never be fully known. But only a brave man and a self-braver wife could have calmly sailed through such a trying period. But faith and trust did wonders in those dark and burdening days.

From Africa and Financial Control to the South-East London Mission was a great step. But our President is a versatile man. All his sympathies are with the poor and the suffering, the struggling and the sorrowing, and in Bernersday he found a congenial sphere of labour. It is doubtful whether he was ever happier than when mingling with destitute children or helping the suffering people of South-wark. He saw the sad and sordid side of life, and like his Master he felt and spoke. He is no doctrinaire in social economics. He has grappled with the problem first hand, and tried to solve it.

In pulpit and on platform the Presi-

generally gave their earnest support. It is believed that one of the abiding results of a really great mission will be an increased spiritual life and power in all the Churches.

### HOLIDAY HOME. Opening Ceremony at Buxton.

The "Balmoral" Holiday Centre, Buxton, was opened on Monday, June 12th, under ideal weather conditions. About 200 people from all parts of the country assembled on the drive at the front of the house at 10.30. The proceedings were opened by Rev. G. Hunt announcing the hymn. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Bruce Evans, and the Scripture read by Rev. J. S. Williams (Wesleyan). Rev. E. J. T. Bagnall, in introducing the chairman, the Mayor of Buxton (Ald. Wall, J. P.), said that the "Balmoral" met a long-felt want in the denomination. After visiting many of the beauty spots of the country they had come to the conclusion that Buxton was the most suitable centre. He had received a large number of apologies for absence from friends, including the President of Conference, Sir William Harley, Sir Dyson Tallinn, Sir Thomas Robinson, and the Mayors of Southport (Miss Harley). The Mayor of Buxton offered a very cordial welcome on behalf of the town, and extolled the natural beauties, the invigorating climate and health-giving waters of the mountain spa. The opening ceremony was performed by Rev. G. Bennett, who, in a characteristic speech, expressed his great satisfaction that his long-cherished dream had at last been realised. He appealed to the company to make the venture a success, and expressed the utmost confidence in the character and ability of the matron, Miss Purkiss, to make the "Balmoral" an ideal holiday resort for the young people of Methodism. Mr. T. L. Gerrard proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Rev. G. Bennett for the services, which was seconded by Mr. F. A. Holmes, J.P., and supported by Mr. W. Bayley. Special references were made to the efforts of Rev. C. Humble, to whose untiring energy in the initial stages the establishment of the home was largely due. Rev. C. Humble expressed thanks to the Buxton Church and C.E. for their ungrudging support and work in making it possible to open on that day. Rev. G. W. Meadley acknowledged on behalf of the Buxton Church.

The large company then adjourned to the house, and were charmed with the splendid accommodation and the artistic furnishings. Expressions of admiration were heard on all sides. One guest said that he was proud to belong to a Church that could offer such splendid holiday facilities for its people. Afternoon tea was provided and served by the Buxton C.E. Society in the spacious lounge.

Great interest was manifested in the wedding of Mr. A. W. Wells and Miss Bolding, at Delling-road, Hammer-smith, on June 5th. As both bride and bridegroom are highly esteemed workers in church and school at Delling-road. There was a large gathering to witness the ceremony, at which Rev. J. K. Lallan officiated. Mr. G. Carter was best man, while Miss Brindley was bridesmaid. The bride was given away by her brother, who had just arrived from New Zealand, after twenty years' sojourn there. A reception was held in the church parlour, and upwards of thirty guests sat down to the wedding breakfast. Rev. John Holland voiced the good wishes of all present for the happiness and usefulness of the newly-married couple. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were the recipients of many beautiful presents, including a lovely clock from the Sunday-school and a preserve glass from the girls of Mrs. Wells' class.

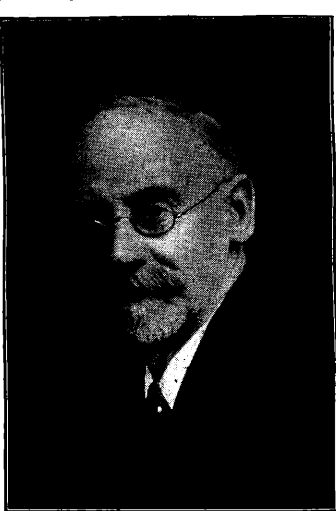
Miss B. Reballack, of Camborne, has recently obtained first prize in Cornwall County Musical Competition at Falmouth for mezzo-soprano solo singing, and also second prize silver medal at Newquay Singing Festival for contralto solo singing. She is a member of our Camborne Choir and teacher in the primary class.

## The Vice-President of Conference.

MR. T. LEE GERRARD, C.C.

Oliver Wendell Holmes says that the training of a child should commence about two generations before he is born, and that a wise child is careful in the selection of his parents. The Vice-President of Conference was a wise child; he acted upon this advice. He comes of a good stock. He was well born. Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Gerrard were the salt of the earth. Their loyalty, sacrifice and generosity contributed in no small degree to the establishment and growth of our Church at Swinton, Manchester. The subject of this sketch was the eldest of six surviving children. From his earliest days he found himself breathing the atmosphere of a Christian home, enjoying the fellowship of a live Church.

In spite of the exacting claims of a business that has grown, from the days of small things, until it ranks as one of the largest and best equipped builders' of the north of England, Mr. Gerrard has given much valuable time and thought to the problems of Confessional finance. The Vice-President is essentially broad-minded and generous. No good cause appeals to him in vain. His nature is built upon an ample scale. There is nothing small. He is many-sided. He plays the music of life upon the full octave. He is master of art of knowing how to differ according to the Christian ideal. He "is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil." Though you oppose his view he carries no resentment. He



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The old school-chapel at "Swinton Bar" was a very primitive building. Its architectural features must have been the despair of every architect who saw it. Its system of ventilation was non-existent. And yet there was a fervour and devotion about that old sanctuary that filled it with magnetic power and that has crowned it with hallowed memories. Those were the days before the "onion" had been heard of. The Sundays were long, full and glorious, and the Gerrard family bore its share of the toil and the blessing. It was in such a religious atmosphere our Vice-President was nurtured.

His richly endowed nature unfolded naturally and responded fully to the many-sided appeal made by the Church. As the years have passed he has filled every office and served efficiently in each department. For many years he conducted the choir, and then he had the joy of handing over the baton to his son. He has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, led the society class, taught the young men, and kept the finances of both the church and the circuit in a solvent and healthy condition. He was one of the first and most enthusiastic advocates of local preacher training, serving for many years on the Central Council. The missionary cause has had a warm place in his heart. From his home he has come our first medical missionary.

will give you credit for the best motives. He is an acceptable local preacher, earnest and practical. In no place is he more acceptable than in his own pulpit when preaching to the people among whom he lives. Mr. Gerrard has never met the misfortune of keeping his eye upon the distant skyline and failing to see his own doorstep. He has

always given his home church the first place in his thought and service. The magnificent site of the new church on the Manchester-road was secured through the foresight and generosity of Mr. Gerrard, and at the present is a up-to-date schools were made possible by the leadership given by our friend.

These his business and his church have made so large a claim upon his time and strength, he has taken a full share of other responsibilities. He has been President of the Manchester and Salford Master Builders' Federation, and has held many other public and civic positions, and at the present is a member of the Lancashire County Council.

In his domestic relations Mr. Gerrard has been fortunate. His wife and family (two sons and three daughters) are in full sympathy with his church work. It was a joy to all when the eldest son elected to give his life to the building of men rather than to the erection of buildings. That joy was intensified when he qualified as a medical man and became our first medical missionary. Mr. Gerrard comes to the Vice-Presidency because his Church has recognised his fitness. He has won his spurs by merit and by service. May he have a great year, and may there be many years of toil and enrichment for him and for his family.

QUARTUS.

### GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES.

Mr. F. Gilrow presided last Friday, when the death of Rev. George Doe, of Bournemouth, at the age of eighty-seven, was reported. Mr. Doe entered the active ministry thirty-seven years ago, and for forty-two years served the Church faithfully and successfully in some difficult spheres of service. For the last twenty-five years he has been in superintendency in residence at Bournemouth, where he was held in high esteem. Several tributes were affectionately borne to his work and work, and tender sympathy expressed with his family in their loss. The Secretary was also desired to express the sympathy of the Committee with Mrs. Winslow, of Southport, in the loss of her esteemed husband, with Mr. Humble, of Bournemouth, in the loss of his wife, and with Rev. R. Final, of Upton Park, in the operation through which he has passed.

The report of the deputation to Cross Keys Circuit, in respect to the division of that circuit, was received, and the Committee expressed its gratification that a harmonious working arrangement had been arrived at, an undertaking having been given that no claim would be made on the Sustentation Fund. An appeal was received from Gainsborough Circuit against the refusal of Reformed Circuit to receive back the credentials of a local preacher whom they regularly have been declining to re-credential to them last year. The appeal was referred to the Grimsby and Lincoln District. The report of land and dwelling-house at Penzance was agreed to. Several cases of aged and necessitous local preachers were assisted.

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## THE RAMBLINGS OF THE PRESIDENT.

The last week of my Presidential office has come, and I am looking forward to my retirement with gratitude and regret. I have had a great year, crowded with active service and with gracious memories. I have visited all sorts of Churches. I have seen both the weakness and the strength of modern Primitive Methodism.

Whit-Sunday found me at Hexham, an old-world town, in which we have a church which is a credit to the Connection. It was a glorious morning when my host and I turned out to go to worship. A good congregation gathered, and we had a helpful service. The choir rendered distinguished service, singing with the spirit and with the understanding also. The church itself, the music, the day, were all helpful to the spirit of devotion, and we thoroughly enjoyed the services. On Monday my host, Mr. Amos and I motored over to Allandale, calling at the famous Dean Row, so where the father of my own friend, Rev. M. F. Davison, was schoolmaster for so many years. I had to preach at Allandale, which was at the end of the lovely dale. The minister, Rev. J. Palmer, has won for himself a warm place in the affections of his people. A very good congregation gathered in the afternoon, and a large one for the lecture at night. I had a most enjoyable Whit Monday, and we felt the power and presence of God in the sanctuary.

On Tuesday I went to Westhead, where the congregations were more surprising still. It was part of the centenary celebration of this historic circuit, which has probably produced more ministers than any other circuit in the denomination. Both ministers were present, and they have a heartening story to tell of the work in the Dale.

From the Dales I travelled to Leamington Spa to attend a circuit gathering at Naptun. At Leamington Methodist Union has already taken place for the United Methodist and our people joined some twelve months ago to make one strong Church, and the Union is now well on its way.

In an orchard at Naptun the clans gathered from near and far. I preached and lectured to a capital gathering. Mr. T. Moore of Northampton, was my Chairman, and gave the evening meeting a capital send-off. Between the tea and meeting I discharged a unique piece of service. It was to name a missionary apple-tree. A bright, intelligent lad, Master J. Ritson Lichemish, is a missionary enthusiast, and when his father was planting some apple trees he asked that he might have one named after the missionary cause. His father readily consented. Stronge to say, all the other trees died, but this one has flourished, and all its fruit is for the good of John's missionary tree. I was requested to give the tree a name, and that name was "John Enoch Lichemish." And so our beloved native minister will be remembered in "Applesblossom" and fruit every year. The happy gathering indeed, this was, splendidly organised by Rev. T. Hynes, who is trying to lay the foundations of a strong self-supporting circuit. And he brought my "Ramblings" to a close in this delightful fashion. On Friday I made my way to London to prepare for my pulpit on Sunday and Conference on Monday.

We have been desired, to supplement the information recently given in the *Leader* pertaining to the chief mourners at the funeral of Mr. William Windor, J. P. They were as follows: Mrs. J. T. and Mr. Oakes (Biddip), and Mrs. George Windor (Toimond), and Mrs. T. Leger (Macloed), Mr. T. Windor (Alldred), and Miss Windor, Mrs. A. W. Grey and Mr. Grey (Macloed), Mr. Arthur Windor (Nantwich), Mr. C. T. Taylor, and Mr. J. G. Greenhalgh, M. A. (Bilalux).

## What Our Readers Say.

### Minimum Salaries.

Sir,—One is grateful for "Vigilant's" note of last week re minimum salaries and for the supplementary note of your correspondent this week showing that to cover the cost of stipend and salary advanced cost of living during the year 1914-1920 the sum of £2222 needs to be paid in addition to the £44 10s. paid over and above the cost of the Conference September, 1920. A further word should be spoken. Many will remember that the Middleborough Conference of 1914 unanimously passed a resolution, moved by the writer, expressing its sense of the inadequacy of the minimum salary of £100 then paid, and the general opinion was that it should be advanced to £115 or £120. So deeply moved were many of the Conference with the thought of the poverty of many of our ministers that they would have made a special fund thereby, but it was deemed wiser to delay and legislate constitutionally, with the result, mainly owing to the fact that the minimum was not made until the Conference of 1916 when many were in a pitiable financial plight from which they have not yet recovered.

Now, Sir, I believe the Conference, with its innate sense of justice and fairness, will agree that in the face of such facts it cannot rightly make any reduction at present of the minimum salary, especially as the downward movement in the cost of living seems unfortunately to be largely checked. The chief thing to remember is that if a reduction is made it will not only deprive a large proportion of our ministers, but chiefly those who have the hardest struggle in the world, and who are least able to bear it, and the result would be a disabling blow. Our sense of brotherhood, our sense of justice would lead us to refrain from such an act of unfairness, and, if needs be, a special emergency fund to which many of us would contribute, provide for the minimum to remain as it is, at least for another year.

Yours, etc., JOSEPH MALPAS, Devanahire Park, Bickenhead.

### Qualifications for Conference Delegates.

Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Cawkwell should interpret a plain account of an unfortunate synod incident as an attack on himself. He says in his position he could have done none other than he did. No one, so far as I know has ever said he could, and that being so, one can only wonder at his eagerness to fall down before he is pushed. Mr. Cawkwell apparently would like to say something stronger than "incorrect statements" or "wilful perversions of the facts." The Synod would have been a plain account of which Mr. Cawkwell evidently did not wish to leave my readers still unworried. For I described the incident, and the chairman's plainness it should appear, but as at the time it did appear, not only to me, but to other disinterested observers. We certainly missed the chairman's plainness and withdrawal of his candidate, and to that extent our observation was incomplete. But that withdrawal bears witness to the general confusion. The law evidently needs clarifying when even a Synod chairman is under a misapprehension as to what it is. Mr. Cawkwell is probably anxious to blame as anyone for the bad impression created by the incident. But even at the risk of making a bad thing worse, I hold Mr. Cawkwell's wrath. I hold by my first opinion that to invoke an archaic rule in one case and disregard it in others; to affirm with both hands, as was affirmed, though not by Mr. Cawkwell, that several nominated are under the same disqualification and then only challenge one of them as being wrong, is not and never can be playing the game. The rule as it stands, is narrow,

crude, undemocratic, and indefensible. So much so that in most places it has gone to pieces beneath the weight of its own fatuity. But when applied it should be applied impartially. It should rule everywhere or nowhere. Divers weights and measures are an abomination before the Lord.—Yours, etc., FAIR PLAY.

### "Vigilant's" Quotation.

Sir,—"Vigilant," in your issue for June 1st, gave a quotation from a letter of Rev. J. Whitehead Clegg. Happily many Primitive Methodists show a finer spirit. It should surprise Mr. Clegg if he knew how many Primitive Methodists worship in his church at Aberystwyth every summer. Last July the writer counted twenty, and saw two Primitive Methodist ministers assist in taking up the collections at the Sunday-school anniversary. Mr. Clegg used to be on the staff of the "Joyful News," and we did not expect such expressions from writers of such a sound and lively paper. The writer recommends Mr. Clegg and all to read with attention the late Principal Forry's book, "The Two Churches."

Prayer. Here are some or two quotations: "We must learn to thank God not only for the blessings of others, but for the power to compare to others gifts which make them happier than they make us." "Our private prayer should be commensurate with our public prayers and the success of their prayers. It is an act of union. We can thus be united even with churches that refuse to pray or unite with us. Prayer is the school of repentance. We are thus protected from Pharisaism in our judgment of either our friends or foes." Prayer kills egotism. Swank and prayer are incompatible. Hearty congratulations to the writer for his noble income for this year, and also for a good increase in membership in the Wesleyan Church. Many will have to pray more earnestly, so that we may be able to meet with the summer, if Mr. Clegg is backward at coming forward, we may through love and prayer be drawn to him and the writer knows that there are some nice Primitive Methodists even among the twenty counted last year.—Yours, etc., A GRANDSON OF ROMAN CATHOLICS.

### Clapton Mission. Urgent Appeal for Cripple Children.

Sir,—The past few weeks has been a terrible time for many of the poor women and children of Lower Clapton and Hackney Wick. The exceptionally hot weather has made life almost unbearable for them. What a boon a week at the seaside would be for a large number of these pinched women and children. As a matter of fact, before the funds here come to land I have felt compelled to send a few of the most urgent cases away for a week's rest and change, and to arrange to do the same for others. I have also promised to take 120 cripple children to the Forest for a week to a picnic, and a large party of poor women for a similar outing. We are in touch with quite a long list of poor, weary and overworked women who need a week or two days in the country would be a veritable God-send. And there are some lonely old people who are anxious to get away from their one little room and squalid surroundings. I shall be in great need of your readers who will help me just now. Surely the above cases appeal to the humane and Christian feelings of many who know our work. Don't you see how large, with gratefulled by Rev. J. K. Elwood, 65, Eldersfield-road, Clapton, London, E. 12, if you should be sending a collecting-card to any who will help us in this way.

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# Whispers from the Pew.

By SYDNEY WALTON.

It is an evening in June. My study window overlooks a garden, and beyond the garden behold a crescent of stately trees. Behind the trees the sun is setting in a glorious haze. "The holy air is like a sun, breathless with adoration." The burden of beauty is almost too sweetly heavy for mortal mind to carry. I feel the pleasant pain of it all, if that be not a paradox. I suppose it is a common experience, this sense of high aching when a great glory doth encamp round about us. To me, strangely enough, June is not a season of unmitigated joy. Its wondrous loveliness touches chords of melancholy within the depths of me, I know not why. It may be that an evening in June, the splendours of the sun slowly giving place to the oncoming twilight and then the dark, doth stir deep down in the soul a thought concerning the transitoriness of summer's pageantry. With unobtrusive but unremitting feet the year moves on, and it seems a stride, and nothing more, between seed-time and harvest. Soon the golden harvest passes and winter comes up with a bound. And where now are the roses of June, filling at this moment their petalled cups with the dew of heaven, shall be the snows of December.

I suppose, too, that an evening in June, when the countryside is a long far beyond the power of man to capture and imprison within his net of words, however subtle he be, the strands thereof, brings a sense of impotency. We are like him who in Jerusalem was lame before the gate of the Temple which was called Beautiful. How, if we could, we would bid these hours fold their wings and tarry with us! Why, oh, why, doth June have plumes and the day-spring speed with such haste to the evening star? As with a river, whose waves roll to ocean and neither about of delight nor cry of pity can stay them in their onward motion, so also with Time. I have written but a few sentences in my study window, and even now the sun has gone which wove its tapestry purple and gold behind the trees I love, and the night is here shutting out the blue sky with its dark tent. Perhaps a star, more lustrous than the rest, will shine in a moment through a rent in that dusky tabernacle. I shall look for it. I shall bid it welcome. I shall call it the Lamp of the Eternities which shineth from afar upon these mortalities. Yes, most of all on evenings in June doth a poignant sense of the passage of time possess me, and I believe that away down in thought's deep quietude a tear is falling. And the faintest tear is the saddest of all weeping.

It was an evening in June. The windows of our Wesleyan Church were open to take in the fragrant air. If you had been standing without—I marvel, by the way, that we will hold our services indoors when like a spacious altar whispering of God, the sweet earth calls to worship and would add enrichment to our hymns of praise and the word of consolation—you would have heard a clear, young voice exclaiming the words of the hymn. The voice and the poetic beauty of the language would have held you under a spell. For the rhapsody concerning this very matter of June's passing by, and summer's fading, and the perishing of the flower of the field. It must have been in human thought from the Garden of Eden to this very day, and to-morrow shall be as to-day. The speaker, though young, is sensitive to the fugitive nature of the glories which June doth bring. The music is the music of a march and the song, of a pilgrim who must ever be on his way, and no access can woo him to stay.

And then the young preacher turned his thoughts, as do the old prophet in the earlier centuries, to something that abides, a sun that never sets, a June that taketh no journey. In the ancient

chronicles it is a shout of triumph over time. The wise old seer speaks of the change and decay which visit the earth, and then I see him climb a stairway to the belfry and set the everlasting bells a-ringing. Such sweet clangour they make, do they not, as they toll from the corridors of time their melodies still are ringing, and ever will. These are the joy-bells of the unpassing June. The grass of the pastures shall be taken away and the glory of the meadows shall be for the burning, and all flesh is as grass and the glory thereof, but the word of the Lord shall endure for ever. And the young expounder of the faith that in it is ad, caught a note of Isaiah's ecstasy this evening in June. He filled my sadness with a song, and I gave thanks.

But more to me the beauty of the earth when the "high midsummer pumps" are here, and as he is a reader of the poets he had borrowed some of their grace of speech. And he used this transient beauty to guide our minds to esteem and cherish a higher beauty than that of the earth. He spoke of the victor's forehead in the race, for possessing it you are indeed triumphant over time and tempt, and it has strange power to make beautiful the wrinkled brow, whether it be age or sorrow that have left marks there. Was it not most beautiful when on a Sabbath evening in June? It fell its summer rain upon our dusty hearts. I sat in the pulpit listening, and in another scene I thought of the passage of time. Many years ago I "came on the plan," under the guidance of an old minister in Lexington. It was my duty to accompany this supernatural minister in the keeping of his appointments until such time as the Quarterly Meeting called me to take the place of a local preacher in the church I love. This night Mr. Gordon Kirk, the son of the ancient slave, accompanied me. He, too, is gloriously aspiring to one of the noblest offices in the world. He has set his heart upon preaching the Everlasting Word, and he does well. So you see it was to me a reminiscence of years that are gone. In him they came anew to me. He is now a pastor.

He is now a pastor. The vanished June returned to greet the one now with us. I was constrained at the close of my sermon in Lexington. It was my duty to the young men in the congregation to kindle their ambition by his example and fervor and eloquence of the pulpit. The study, the holy industry, the gracious self-discipline that must go to the making of a preacher will steep your hearts and minds, ye young men of the Church, in the Beauty of the Truth, and ye shall find it to be more splendid than the crown of kings. To-day the world is hazy and shirking the Word which abides, and I would have you muse and meditate upon it first of all. With the Word of God within you, even as June sets the earth afire with ten thousand torches of glory, I would have you proclaim it and give to stumbling and to darkness everywhere, according as it is promised, beauty for ashes and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. It is the calling and glorious the cross. It was an evening in June, but it was the daystar that arose in my heart.

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## A Conference Anthology.

### DEDICATED TO DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES.

**Foreword.**—"Conference maketh a ready man." (Bacon.)

**June 14th.**—"Rise, happy morn! rise, holy morn!" (Tennyson.)

**Greetings.**—"Does my old friend remember me?" (Tennyson.)

**The Platform.**—"Some are and must be greater than the rest." (Pope.)

**Roll Call.**—"The Absentees: 'Here's health to them that's aw!' (Burns.) (2) Women's Contingent: 'Where are the men?'"

**To the President.**—"You were born for something great." (Tennyson.)

"If you were born for honour, show it now;

If put upon you, make the judgment sure

That thought you worthy of it." (Shakespeare.)

**To the Ex-President.**—"Little boy with a mighty heart!" (Shakespeare.)

**The President-Designate.**—"Keep a bright look-out for ard and good luck to you." (Dickens.)

**The Vice-President.**—"Take from my mouth the wish of happy years." (Richard II.)

**The Ex-Vice-President.**—"You will proceed in pleasure and in pride, beloved and loving many." (Byron.)

**The Vice-President-Designate.**—"Sir, your hand—my friend and brother!" (Burns.)

**The General Secretary.**—"Don't you know that the harder you are at work the happier you are!" (Dickens.) "The labour we delight in physics pain." (Macbeth.)

**The Conference Secretary.**—"Work space, apace, space, apace, Honest labour bears a lovely face." (Decker.)

**To the Editor and Pressmen.**—"But words are things, and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think." (Byron.)

**The Retiring Sunday-school Secretary.**—"Five years are past; five summers with the length of five long winters." (Wordsworth.) "Farewell, Adber!"

**Conference Sunday.**—"I am a better man on Sunday than on any other day of the week." (Washington Irving.)

**Completion of the Million Shillings Fund.**—"A communion devotedly to be wished." ("Easton.")

**The Conference Orator.**—"Never give the people what they want; give them something that they ought to want and don't." (Bernard Shaw.)

"The way to speak what shall not go out of fashion is to speak sincerely." (Emerson.)

**The Ministerial Delegate from Currit.**—"Wide was his parish and house far sunder." (Chaucer.) "Canterbury Tales."

**The Brainsy Delegate.**—"The wonder grew That one small head could carry all he knew." (Goldsmith.)

**The Delegate from our Circuit.**—"He is complete in feature and in mind."

With all good grace to grace a gentleman ("Two Gentlemen of Verona.")

**The Popular Delegate.**—"Among men who have sound and sterling qualities, there is nothing so contagious as pure openness of heart." ("Nicholas Nickleby.")

**The Junior Delegate.**—"Young as I am, yet would I do my best." (Tennyson.)

"He hears the rose of youth upon him." ("Antony and Cleopatra.")

**The Enthusiastic Delegate.**—"A dash of enthusiasm is not a thing to be ashamed of." (R. L. Stevenson.)

**The Impulsive Delegate.**—"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." (Pope.)

**To the Talkative Delegate.**—"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice." (Shakespeare.)

**The Silent Delegate.**—"Silence dwells on the frontiers of wisdom." (Auvray.)

**The Argumentative Delegate.**—"If nature has gifted a man with powers of argument, a man has a right to make the best of 'em." ("Barnaby Rudge.")

**To the Same.**—"Be calm in arguing, for fierceness makes error a fault and truth discourtesy." (Geo. Herbert.)

**The Delegate Who is Impatient of Discussion.**—"In delay we waste our lights in vain, like lamps by day." (Shakespeare.)

**The Tall Delegate.**—"The highest is the measure of the man." (Tennyson.)

**The Unappreciated Delegate.**—"Hast thou done thy duty? Then care nothing for the praise or blame of others." (Goethe.)

**To the Weary Delegate.**—"Come what come may, Time and the hour run through the roughest day." ("Macbeth.")

**To the Frugal Delegate.**—"We must be here to work." (E. B. Browning.)

"What you lose to-day you cannot gain to-morrow." (Ruskin.)

**To the Ordinary Delegate.**—"Be happy; strive not to be great." (Mrs. Browning.)

**To the Unsuccessful Candidate for Office.**—"Not to be first; how hard to learn That lifelong lesson of the past." (Christina Rossetti.)

**The Ministerial Delegate.**—"Dignity and even holiness too sometimes are more questions of coat and waistcoat than most people imagine." (Oliver Twist.)

**The Delegate who seeks to catch the President's Eye.**—"Let me speak, sir; Heaven now bids me." ("Henry VIII.")

**The President's Reply.**—"When I open my lips, let no dog bark!" ("Meredith.")

**Confidential Concord.**—"The rule of obedience brings all things into order." (W. E. Gladstone.)

**Forecasting (on the Stationing Committee).**—"Woman with man shall have station." ("Easton.")

**The Lady Delegates.**—"If to their share some female errors fall, Look on their faces; you'll forget them all." (Pope.)

**The Lady Delegate from our District.**—"A perfect woman nobly planned." (Wordsworth.)

**A Second Lady Delegate.**—"A veritable angel thou." (Scott.)

"Blessing she is; God made her so." (Lowell.)

**A Third.**—"God loved her and gave her a beautiful soul." (W. Black.)

**A Fourth** (who does not understand the rules of debate).—"True she errs. But in her own grand way: being herself!"

True times more noble than three scores of men." (Tennyson.)

**The Fifth** (a retiring lady).—"She is no often speaker, But when she does she speaks well." (Beaumont and Fletcher.)

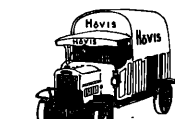
**The Sixth** (a lady with a logical mind).—"She bore a mind that envy could not but call fair." (Shakespeare.)

"And all the world shall know a noble mind Makes woman beautiful and envy blind." (Beaumont and Fletcher.)

**The Seventh** (her counterpart).—"O wonderful creature! a woman of reason." (Lord Peterborough.)



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*A Warning for Debaters*.—"A chief's ananay you takin' notes, And faith, he'll sweat it." (Burns).

*Hints for Debaters*.—"Stand upright; speak thy thoughts, declare."

The truth thou hast that all may share." (Lewia Morris).

*To the noble crowd who attend the 7 a.m. prayer meeting*.—"To business that we love we rise betimes."

And go to it with delight." ("Antony and Cleopatra.")

*To the Dead Roll Members*.—"The greatly wise to talk with our past hours."

And ask them what report they bore to heaven."

*Confidential Honour*.—"Harmless worth is the best cordial against consumption of the spirit." (Fuller).

*To the Preceptor*.—"Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought." (Shelley).

*The Confidence Solist*.—"Like music on the waters Is thy sweet voice to me." (Byron).

*Musical Leads*.—"There is music everywhere." (Carlyle).

*Conference Stewards*.—"They also serve who only stand and wait." (Milton).

*Universal Testimony of Delegates*.—"I were but little happy if I could say how much." ("Much Ado About Nothing.")

*Reply to Vote of Thanks*.—"When I'm not thanked at all, I'm thanked enough; I've done my duty and I've done no more." (Faulding).

*Good-bye to Old Friends*.—"Tis hard to part when friends are dear."

Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear." (Mr. Barbauld).

*Farewell to Delegates*.—"May Heaven conduct thee to thy home, And safely speed thee on thy way!" (Longfellow).

*From Hosts and Hostesses*.—"You have been as God's good angel in our house, God bless you for it." (Tennyson).

*Closing Prayers*.—"Return, ye ransomed sinners, home."

### Methodist Union.

Srs.,—I should like to express my appreciation of the courageous stand Dr. Poole has taken towards "that Wesleyan ministers' manifesto." I notice in this week's "Recorder" Rev. J. E. Rattenbury is attempting some more word juggling in reply, but, of course, his case is smashed. If "Union" means a consolidation of forces for the advancement of the "Kingdom of God," then it is time we came together. I am rather tired of the patronage which the noble (sic) six hundred are evidently desirous to extend to us Primitive. Our Church is one of which I am intensely proud, and our heritage is a noble one. The thanks of all true lovers of Christ are due to the members of the "Union Committee" who have worked so harmoniously and brotherly together. The opposition must certainly have a right to be heard, but principle does not justify rudeness. I sincerely hope our Churches will send the scheme down to our circuit courts, where it will be dealt with in an upright and honourable manner.—Yours, etc.,

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Bridlington.

## Churches and People.

The Conference Issues of June 22nd and 29th will contain many attractive features. The proceedings of the Conference will be specially reported. Descriptive articles on the great debates will appear, together with "The Conference Day by Day," a feature always popular with our readers. On Thursday next the *Leader* will be an enlarged number. A complete list of the Stations of Ministers will appear on June 29th. The Conference will be of the greatest consequence to the whole Church in view of the subjects which will be considered. Notwithstanding un-

1923. That is not so. The Commission appointed by the General Conference after consultation with the officials of Birmingham Fifth Circuit pressed Mr. Cooke to take the problem in hand. Now, again, "The British Weekly" states that Kesterton, Derby, has released Mr. Cooke to continue his ministry at Sparkhill. That, again, is not so. Principal Lock heart goes to Sparkhill in 1923. These announcements have given rise to a number of misunderstandings amongst the officials of the several circuits which have shown a willingness to accommo-

date for June 1st, both because of their very interesting character and also because some portions are very illuminating. The account of the visit to a Berlin church is just the touch now needed to rehumanise our thought of that people. The article from the Wesleyan minister is very fine. He is quite true, and it is not all left, nor are they all on the right. I am not at all radical myself in my opinion, but I am quite sure that the event of Union, with their more churchly minded. My reading for twenty-five years past has led me to positions such as those of Dr. Forsyth. They and we need each other, and the dissensus in Methodism is too insignificant to justify separation."

During the past four years Leicester Third Circuit has had great financial successes. The second church is on Humberstone-road, and the Quarterly Meeting has decided upon a six months' aggressive campaign next winter. A hired local preacher or lay evangelist is to be obtained who will concentrate on the one church and the neighbourhood. Already the schoolrooms are overtaken to accommodate the scholars, and it is believed the time has arrived for an attempt to win the people around for Christ and the Church.

Mr. H. W. Pimkin, 20, Winter-avenue, East Ham, E. 6, writes:—"Kindly allow me to remind the ministers of our London circuits that all contributions to the London Hospital Sunday Fund should be forwarded direct to the secretary, Hospital Sunday Fund, Mansion House, E.C.4, as soon as possible, and an advice of the amount sent to me, so that the promised addition of Sir William Hartley can be secured. The doubling of the amount raised by each circuit only applies to collections actually taken and donations received within the church. Outside collections do not participate. Sir William does not desire any correspondence on this matter, and his promise holds good until 1925."

The subject of Methodist Union was discussed at Aldbourne, Hungerford Circuit, at a joint meeting of Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists. The first was against Union, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That this meeting, having considered the scheme of Methodist Union submitted by the United Committee, is of opinion that drastic amendment is necessary before it can be accepted."

Rev. George Windram was the preacher at Castle-street Church, Cambridge, on the 4th. In 1910 he and his son, Rev. Shirley Windram, were sent by the Conference to inaugurate the Forward Movement. They were confronted with immense difficulties, and for four years laboured hard to overcome them. In 1914 they had the joy of seeing the foundation stones of the new church laid, but left before the building was ready for the opening services. It was a great joy to the members of the circuit that Mr. Windram has lived to see the debt on this property cleared and has had the opportunity of preaching in the church which was the occasion to his self-sacrificing and strenuous toil. In spite of his age he preached with great eloquence and power. Amongst the friends who gathered about him after the Sunday evening service was Rev. H. C. Carter, of the Emmanuel Congregational Church.

In view of the increasing use of wireless telegraphy and telephony it will be of interest to know the installation of a wireless set at a place of worship in this country was at Weston-super-Mare in which at Synnyside. Mr. W. H. Deakin, a local electrical expert, installed a simple apparatus and gave a very successful demonstration of wireless telephony and telephony in connection with the Sunbury Fellowship Circle, organised by Rev. T. Maland. The circuit steward, Mr. H. H. Deakin, is the first in the country to place wireless for his business.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

# MEMORIES OF FIFTY YEARS' MINISTRY.

By Rev. E. DALTON, D.D.

The Editor has pleasure in announcing that in the "Leader" of July 6th the Rev. Dr. Dalton will contribute the First Chapter of his Life's Story.

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usual costs of production the price of the condition of Tuesday. Your kindness in publishing a correct account of the position would be a real service to all concerned."

Mr. John Dennis, called the "grand old man" of Alfreton, died on Friday at the remarkable age of 103 years. When younger he attended Derby-road Chapel, Alfreton. He was a great grandfather. His descendants numbered hundreds, the majority of whom passed through the Derby-road Sunday school. On Monday his body was carried to his old chapel, where Rev. W. Green conducted the funeral service.

Rev. Sydney A. Barron writes:—"I am glad to read the contents of the

Rev. H. S. Millward writes:—"The notices appearing in 'The British Weekly' concerning the 'Tyeley' case have been confusing and a little misleading. Especially is that so in respect to Rev. David Cooke's position. It was stated two weeks ago that the General Committee had passed Rev. R. Wearmouth to continue at Tyeley beyond

## NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS.

### Shrewsbury.

The District Committees met at Castle Court, Shrewsbury, on Friday last. In the Sunday-school Committee it was arranged for the new "examination" secretary to attend all S.S. conferences. A list of special speakers is being forwarded to the circuit to increase interest in school matters. A District C.E. Convention will be held at Ludlow on August Bank Holiday. United Temperance meetings are to be held wherever possible. Preliminary arrangements for the President's Conference to be held at Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, in November next, were made. Plans for a new manse for Church Station were passed, and a denotation is to visit and inspect Old-street Chapel, Ludlow, which is in need of extensive repairs. Mr. S. J. Hayward reported the District income for the Million Shillings Fund to be £2620.

### South Wales.

The Committees met at Station-street, Newport, on Friday last. Rev. E. de J. Home being in the chair. It was reported that the deputation from the General Committee to the Cross Keys Station had made satisfactory arrangements, subject to the consent of Conference, by which Rista is to be the head of a new station, with two other places. Satisfaction was expressed at this arrangement. Regret was expressed that the balance-sheet of the Station showed a deficit of £271. The majority of which was owing to the minister, and a suitable resolution was passed.

A sub-committee was appointed to devise a scheme for amending the methods of business at the Synod, so as to avoid unnecessary detail work, and save time in the election of delegates to Conference. The Sunday-school secretary was requested to arrange for the District Conference when the general school secretary visits the District. Appreciative reference was made to the departure of several brethren from the District, especially Rev. B. Haddon, and a resolution of thanks for services of secretaries leaving was directed to be placed on the respective minute books. The brethren were entertained to tea by the Station-street ladies, and were cordially thanked.

### MARRIAGES.

The marriage of Mr. John Robinson, of Dinmington Colliery, to Miss Katie Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Burton of Amble, took place at Amble on Whit Monday. The bride has been a very loyal worker in the choir, school and Endeavour, and will be greatly missed on her removal to Dinmington Colliery, where the bridegroom has rendered good service in the cause. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily dressed in white crepe de Chine, with hat of pale blue georgette trimmed with orange blossom. Miss Mary Burton attended as bridesmaid. Mr. Tom Martindale acted as best man. Rev. J. Spor officiated, and Mr. G. D. Davison presided at the organ. The reception was held in the schoolroom. The presents included two oil paintings from the choir and school teachers of Amble.

An interesting wedding was conducted at St. Annas-on-Sea Church on Saturday, June 3rd. The bride was Miss Ida Betts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Betts, and the bridegroom Mr. T. R. Littleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Littleton, of Waterloo. Miss Betts has been closely connected with the Church at St. Annas as a member of the choir, teacher, and Endeavour. A large congregation assembled for the ceremony, conducted by Rev. J. Morrison. Mr. H. Smith presided at the organ, the choir also being in attendance. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a cream gabardine dress-trunk, with a nigger-brown hat to match, and carried a sheaf of pink roses. Miss Doris Betts was the first bridesmaid. Miss Phyllis Betts, the ten-year-old niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Mr. Arthur Huxton was the

best man, and Messrs. W. A. Parker, D. McCulloch, and Bert Smith, groomsmen. There were over 100 guests at the reception held in the schoolroom. The presents were very numerous, and included valuable gifts from the school, Endeavour, and church.

The marriage of Miss Agnes Boyes (Maiden of Scarborough) and Captain E. W. Hewland, M.C., took place at St. Peter's Chapel, Scarborough, on June 8th. The popularity of the bride was shown by the fact that the large chapel was crowded and hundreds could not gain admission. The bride was charmingly attired in a dress of satin duchesse, with silk lace over-dress, trimmed with pearls, with veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of lilies. She was given away by her father (The Code W. Boyd J.P., Mayor of Scarborough), Miss M. Brown and two pages (Master B. Boyes and Master J. Boyes) being in attendance. The best man was Mr. E. Sedman. Rev. W. Turner officiated at the ceremony. Mr. A. W. Raine presided at the organ. After luncheon, at the home of the bride, the happy pair left for their honeymoon at the Lake District. There were 100 guests.

The marriage took place at Park-Town Chapel, Luton, on Wednesday, May 31st, of Miss May Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Parker, and Mr. Harry John Mitchell. Rev. J. Bowles conducted the service. Both bride and bridegroom are members of the Church of England. The bride is in the Primary Class. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory crepe de Chine, overtruss with lace and trimmed with pearls, and carried a bouquet of white lilies and roses. The bridesmaids were Misses Marie Gladys Parker and Miss Grace Jones. Mr. Fred Mitchell was best man. A reception was afterwards held in the schoolroom, a large number of guests being present. The happy pair were the recipients of numerous presents.

### IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Hankin.

Many friends and ministers of our Church will be grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. Hankin, which has removed one of the pillars of our church at Leigh-on-Sea. The family settled in Leigh twenty-two years ago, and at once took a leading part in the establishment of our church in the locality. Mrs. Hankin was an ardent member, a generous supporter, and keenly interested in all denominational affairs. All her children are actively engaged in Christian work. One daughter is well known as Sister Elsie, of St. George's Hall, and another is the wife of Rev. C. E. Buck, and a son is a Congregational minister in America. The funeral took place on Friday, and at the service in our Leigh Church the Revs. G. Trusler, G. E. Giphorn, W. Swales, and A. J. B. B. took part, the latter giving the address and reading the committal sentences at the graveside.

Mr. T. W. Hunt.

Mr. Thomas W. Hunt, of Bury St. Edmunds, passed away on May 28th in his eighty-sixth year. He united with the Church, in 1858, and served for many years as local preacher, society steward and class leader. During his residence in Oxford he served on the Local Preachers' Examining Committee and represented the circuit at the Synod. His remains were interred at Rockland St. Peter on May 29th. Rev. P. M. Hoyle presided at the funeral, and Mr. A. Morley officiated. Prior to the interment a service was held in the chapel. In the church service the Rev. Mr. Curtis recalled how he had been a local preacher for sixty years, and dwelt upon the privilege of being loyal to his conscience. The Lord's Service was administered. At the graveside, after Rev. P. M. Hoyle's reading of the committal sentences, the price of Mr. Spurgeon paid grateful tribute to the help he had received when, as a beginner, he had been assigned to Mr. Hunt's guidance.

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If a new Milton could arise and write for the persecuted Armenians a sonnet like to that famous one the great poet penned on the sorrows of the Waldenses, it would be a masterpiece of English verse. Time and again the helpless Armenians have been sacrificed to taste the bitter cup of death, because of the Turk by reason of the impotence or timidity of the Powers. It is the shame of Christendom that this should be. Meanwhile, through the Friends of Armenia, the Friends of the East, have succoured so far as the means placed at the disposal of the society permitted. The need is so vast and so grave that only relief from absolute starvation is possible, and for this further funds are required. The Treasurer has gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer of the Friends of Armenia Society, Mr. E. Wright Brooks, 47, Victoria-street, London, S. W. 1.

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**Still from that land of unutterable woe and desolation comes the imploring supplications of her starving children.**

Do you know that the next few months are fraught with human destiny—that millions of lives are hovering in the balance—that the virulence of pestilence, engendered by torrid heat, will add its intensity to Famine's scourge and that, unless the "Save the Children" Fund, through the life-saving beneficence of its 1,200 rescue kitchens, is enabled to carry on its glorious work of shielding little children from the combined degradation of hunger and disease, hundreds of little ones will "pass beyond the veil" who otherwise might and should have been saved had you and those like you done their BEST?

Is it for nothing that we cherish our belief in "the charity that continues"—that we affirmed our faith in the intensity of Christian affections?—or must it be written that our love and pity failed us at the last?

### SCENES BEYOND IMAGINATION.

Would that you could see those myriad Russian homes in which hungered children with nerveless fingers clutch at the skirts of mothers powerless and helpless to ease in one iota the gnawing, ravaging pangs of a Famine which has bleached the semblance of humanity from infant faces. Would that you could envisage the hunger-dwarfed forms, blenished by protuberant bones, blurred by the sickly yellowed skin of children whose lips vainly move in piteous invocation for even a fragment of food.

And would that you will NOW, without a moment's delay, obey the prompting of your generous, sympathetic heart and, once again, make up your minds that these, the weakest but beloved of our Saviour's flock, should be sheltered, succoured and secured until the dark clouds of want disperse and the brighter skies of plenty recur.

Yes, it has been, and for some time to come will continue to be, a



**Foodless! Homeless! Shelterless! Hopeless! such is the terrible situation in which hundreds of thousands find themselves in Famine-stricken Russia to-day! Won't you do something to relieve the awful plight of these little ones struggling on and fighting against the deadliest foe in history that little ones have to face?**

task that will strain our best and most zealous Christian feeling and resources—but it is the most sacred duty which our Great Exemplar has ever imposed on those willing to follow faithfully in His footsteps.

He was a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with Grief—He probed and fathomed the depth of suffering, and to all of us the Divine injunction to "Feed My Lambs" must have the most literal and solemn meaning.

Realising all this, how can we then relax in our efforts to stem the Death-

tide of Starvation's Scourge in far-away Russia, or cease to remember that upon our pity and generosity depends the fate of the little ones of that afflicted and unfortunate country?

It will be the happiest hour in the life of the "Save the Children Fund" when they can proclaim that the day had dawned when the work of rescue could cease—that the gaunt spectre of Famine had been beaten to his knees and that no more dear little ones were wending an all-too-early and tortured way through the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

### BE A GOOD SAMARITAN.

That that day will come is sure and certain; but until it does, we must all of us keep the armour girded on and play the part of the Good Samaritan—for if we cannot feed these children directly with our own hands, yet our hearts can manifest our abiding love by the contribution of our freely and fully given donation to the "Save the Children Fund."

There is no need to tell you, or to enlarge upon the wonderful work so far accomplished; you are well aware that the "Save the Children Fund" through your goodness has so far succeeded in succouring thousands, and it would now be an eternal stigma to abate in energy and zeal.

**The Save the Children Fund,  
The Russian Famine Relief Fund.**

The Society of Friends Fund, realising how stupendous the task of relief is and the need for co-operation, have agreed to work together under a **JOINT COMMITTEE of representatives of each Fund, with Sir Benjamin Robertson as Chairman.**

Don't let any more dear little boys and girls perish, or let there be as few as possible.

And, hold out the helping hand over again, for the need is indeed desperate and the moment of action—Now.

Give—just as you would love those who gave to your children had it been their hour of need—though in and through Eternal Mercy this has been spared us.

### "SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND."

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